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The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the European Search Report for the corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 01 31 0005. copy of the Search Report (3 pages) is enclosed herewith.

Please note that the patent documents US 6,111,580, EP 0 718 823, EP 0 591 044, WO 00/41065 and two articles, "The Use of Visible Speech Cues for Improving Auditory Detection of Spoken Sentences" by K.W. Grant, et al. and "Applying Eye Tracking as an Alternative Approach for Activation of Controls and Functions in Aircraft" by S. Merchant, et al., all of which were cited in the

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